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Lower Abbey
Lerston

April 10th

Dear Madam

In answer to your
letter received yesterday, I
wish to say that - I think the
Dr. G. C. very helpful, though
I did not - myself quite complete
it - & after the 1st year I took
only two subjects, Physiology
& Nature Lore - I found I had
no time for more & also the

books were so many &
 some of them so expensive
 (notably Dr. Carpenter's Mental
 Physiology) & in the country
 it is not possible to borrow
 such books from libraries -
 Both the subjects I took I
 found very useful, I was then
 teaching my elder children &
 the little I was able to tell them
 of the flowers & insects we met
 with interested them very much.
 The books I am most glad
 to have read are Miss Mason's
 Home Education, Dr. Schopenhauer's

Hygiene, Miss Lückes' Nursing
 & Dr. West's Mother's Manual.
 I keep them as books of reference
 & make frequent use of them,
 & the books on Botany &
 Astronomy have given both
 me & my children much pleasure.
 I think perhaps the course in
 many cases is rather too much
 for the mothers of large families
 & fewer books would stand
 a better chance of being digested.
 One has so very little time to
 oneself & many books on
 hand at once & read at odd

moments are apt to be a little
confusing -

I think the examination questions
were most practical & calculated
to be a good test of the knowledge
gained during the half year -

I am dear Madam -

Yours very truly

Maud Rope.

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Dear Madam,

Your letter has been
forwarded to me at Tuguey
or I would have answered it
sooner.

I have only had one year of
the Educational course. I would
sooner not give a definite
opinion on it, until I have
completed it. Personally I
have had so little time to read

steadily that I ~~have~~ feel I have not benefited as much from it as I ought to have done. But that I imagine is the position of most young mothers ~~from~~ for whom the course is intended. I should have liked a little more direction in the course & think that I should have managed to read a little more steadily if the work had been a little planned out. But as I said before I would rather not criticise

the course until I have completed it. So far the book I have enjoyed most of those set by the course has been Miss Mason's Home Education which I consider very helpful. The examinations I thoroughly enjoy & consider very useful because they make you crystallise wandering thoughts on various subjects & are also an incentive for reading. If there is anything further you wish to know I shall be happy to answer any questions. Yrs truly Elizabeth Hichson

the courage "to go to
 school again" after
 some years interval
 especially in the
 busiest time of the
 year!

Yours very truly

Beatrice Volyché - W. Institute

May 17th

Dear Mr. Anson

Many thanks for
 sending me your very
 interesting paper - It seems
 to me to be exactly what
 is wanted - The only addition
 I can suggest is that possibly
 it might encourage timid
 people to know more exactly
 what they were "in for" -

Would it not be possible to
give some idea of the
time taken up in prep?

- The number of books etc -

Also it is a comforting
thing to know that if one
cannot get the reading
done in the time one may
postpone one's exam for
six months - I could not

possibly have done it
without this merciful
provision - one is always
liable to enormous inter-
ruptions such as moving
house, long illnesses, going
abroad etc - A thorough
good attack of influenza,
for instance, makes all
head-work impossible for
some time!

Will the paper be long
enough? - If not I think a
few more details of some

of the studies might make
 them ~~attract~~ more inviting.
 For instance many people
 think how much they would
 like to know birds by sight, flight
 song, or some study of that
 kind, & would be rather glad
 to know that by this means
 they would be in a way forced
 to begin & get the drudgery of
 the beginning over - Many
 people long to recognize the
 constellations but haven't strength
 of mind to start! - and I think
 if these advantages were a
 little dwell upon, it might
 help to clinch a few waverers.
 I fear the course will never be
 very popular - so few people have

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Muncaster Castle,
Raburnlagg,
Carnforth.

Dear Miss Mason

Thank you very
much for sending me the
Parents Review & the papers

about the Mothers Union -

It is very interesting & I

wish I could join it. Indeed

that is why I

delayed thanking you, but
I find at present that
nursing me, little girl takes
up ones time & strength
sufficiently, & that this is not
the moment to start something it!

new. - Perhaps later on
you will let me

join your course -

- at the present moment I
feel there is a great want
in the training of nursery
maids, with no one undertake

Yours sincerely
Rhoda Mopeth.

Will you please thank
Mrs Kitchell

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for kindness sending me the
address of your Jewellers.

Ans

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Marine Villa
Woolacombe
N. Devon.

Dear Madam,

I must apologise
for the delay in replying
to your card, you will
see by above address
we are away from home.
I thought some misunderstanding
our letters have been
delivered at Clonbrook
instead of being forwarded
as we directed they
should be.

I shall be glad to
postpone the first examination

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until December, as I
have not been able to
read at all for more
than two months owing
to ill health, I hope
that after this change
of quiet rest I shall
be able to take it up
again, as I have found
the little share done
most helpful, Miss
Maron's books have proved
to be most valuable &
practical, I think I had
been reading books which
were too advanced &
technical, & where I wrote

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first was feeling completely
baffled in the application
of the ideas to the little
emergencies of every day
life in the nursery.
Miss Maron's books came
as a revelation to me
& I think if she could
see my boy she would
be satisfied with the
result of her teaching.
Hoping that her health
continues to improve

Sincerely yours
Gertrude Perfect

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Kersey Road
Blackheath
S.E.

Feb. 18th 1909

Dear Miss Mason

I should like
to write to you
to thank you very
much indeed for
all the great pains
you have taken
over my papers.

I understand that
you collected them.

I think you have examination, as
given me too much I am giving more
praise, for I felt time to the subjects
very dissatisfied in which I am weak.
with them, & felt I very much improved,
had rushed through & I think this is
many of the books largely owing to
at too great a pace. My mind having
been so pleasantly
occupied, that I
have not felt
so much over the
enforced rest.

However, the
whole course has
been, & is a source
of very great
pleasure & interest
to me, & I hope I
shall find I am
much better prepared
for the next
volume.
True books have
been a real inspiration
to me.

Will you please
thank Miss Kitching
for her last kind
letter to me.

With many thanks
for all your kindness
& help

Believe me
yours sincerely
Ch. B. B. B.

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WESTBURY.

EDDOLPHES CRESTON

CHEFFIELD

Oct 30th 1908

Dear Miss Mason,

Will you allow me
to express my great
indebtedness to you for &
kindly allowing me to
send in my attempted
answers at such irregular
times.

And also may I tell
you how increasingly
grateful I feel to you
for having started me
on the elements of
astronomy. I can

The Mother's Education Course

hardly put into words
the help I have received
from having my mind
directed to the wonders
of the heavens. There is
an uplifting and a
calming influence in the
contemplation of them
which I have enjoyed
more than I can
possibly tell you.

And I have been more
than I ever did before
in the apparently comic

lines, "beloved of children,
my eyes! warm & wise
to dream of the stars
as the doctors advise."

I am really most grateful
to you for making it possible
for me to "dream of the
stars".

With many thanks
yours sincerely
~~Ansance S. Cole.~~
a member of the M.E.C.

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Brant Braggton
Newark.

July 19th - 1899

Dear Miss Maew

I have just been reading
Miss Anson's Paper on
the "Mott's Educational
Course" in the Mott's
Review and am most
anxious to take up the
course of reading therein
described. Would it be
troubling you too much
to ask you to give me
a little information on
the subject such as how

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to find out the names
of the necessary books; when
it is to be read; & whether
or not there is a specified
time to begin the reading
for the course; & whether
the subjects ought to be
taken simultaneously or
separately. I hope you will
forgive this informality
of this letter but some
years ago when living in
Bradford I knew you
quite well. Perhaps you
will be able to call
me to mind when I
tell you that Nellie
Leah, who attended Mrs

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Goodman's school, & who is still very
infirm: with Rachel Goodman, so from
those I have been assured must give & as
that you and have the little time good
relationships from years ago are you. I do not
chance to be in relationship when instruction
entirely myself but as one has been
bitter selection in that was it entirely in
the country & can well speak with respect
what one knows of you. I hope to be able
to meet. I have written the persons
regularly for some time past in answer

Much pleasure & instruction
from his journal.
Apologizing for occupying
your valuable time &
with kindest regards.

Yours most sincerely
Florence E. Sharp.

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TUNNEL WOODS, WATFORD, HERTS.

Nov 6. 1901.

Dear Madam,

I am a
member of the Parents'
National Educational
Union, & should like
to know something of
the Mothers' Education
Course if it will
materially assist me
in the education of

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my sons. The eldest
is 4 years old, & I
understand that by
joining this course

I can be shown the
best handbooks to
assist me, & the
lines to go upon -

The child cannot read,
but he knows his
letters & has some

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general information, &
I am eager to begin
systematically -

I shall feel grateful
for any further
information.

Yours faithfully
Louisa M. Anderson
(Mrs Kenneth Anderson)

Miss Charlotte M. Mason
House of Education
Ambleside

7
Fellside
Pewrith

12 June 1901

Dear Madam,

I am extremely
sorry to be obliged to
return the M. & C.
examination paper
unanswered, as far
as I have been able
to study the books
set I have benefitted

muchly but ^{i20p2pneu29} am quite
unable to enter for
examination.

I deeply regret not
having written sooner
& thus saved you
the trouble of sending paper.

Yours faithfully
Jessie Meeton.

1/0. The Secretary
Seale House.

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Agharainy.

Donaghmore.

9th January 1901.

My dear Miss Mason

Thank you very much
indeed for the post-card you
sent me with the results of the
final examinations.

What a pleasant surprise it
was when I read it to know
that I had got a first-class.

I did not expect it, and thought
I would be fortunate if I got
even a Second-class, as I
thought the third paper was
rather difficult.

I am very glad that you are

pleased with the lists.

Mother and I have been staying down here quite in the country with my cousins Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

I am sure you will be glad to hear that Mr. Brown after buying and reading "Home Education" and "Parents and Children" was so much delighted with them that he bought seven sets and sent to several of his friends, some even to America. Mrs. Brown teaches her two darling little boys on the methods given in Home Education. She has a very good plan of teaching French words which I pass on as some student might find it useful.

She made several cards with pictures on them (advertisements or any such pictures were used) the pictures were gummed on to the cards and if the teacher was not able to remember all the names of the various objects, she could write it underneath for her own use!!!

Then these were used as a kind of game. If the child knew the name he got the card if he did not his mother kept the card, the one who had the most cards at the end, won the game. Of course the oftener played the more names the child could remember and so took more interest in the game and had a better chance of winning. Then when these were all known

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other pictures were taken. For example a Christmas card with bells on it and then a sentence was made as "La cloche sonne". In this way these children know quite a lot of French. and the eldest little boy is only six, though I think the younger one knows more even than he does.

I wonder if you have had any snow at Ambleside. There was a heavy fall here last night. I hope it will all have gone before Saturday, as we go home that day and snow makes it so much colder for travelling.

With very much love

Ever your loving bairn

Clara B. Huston.

(92 Auckland St.
Apt. 10007)

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4 Kirkley Cliff Rd.
Lowestoft.

May 21. 1907

Dear Madam.

Since writing
to you about joining the
Mother's Educational Course
I have had an unex-
pected restriction placed
upon my expenditure
which will for this year
at least prevent my
spending anything on
books or fees such as

joining the Course, & the

P. U. would entail.

I am venturing to keep
the papers you kindly
sent me as I very much
hope I may be able to
manage to join next
January -

I am so sorry to have
troubled you unnecess-
-arily, but the hindrance
was quite unforeseen.

Thanking you for your

Kindness.

Believe me

Yr. faithfully

Frances Gardner